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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: ZAIRIANIZATION OF AMATO FRERES, INC.

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1. INFORMED AS FOLLOWS BY TOUZARD, DIRGEN OF AMATO FRERES:

2. ROBERT AMATO, CHIEF OF KINSHASA OPERATIONS OF AMATO FRERES, WAS RECENTLY CONVOKED BY NGUZA KARL-I-BOND AND INFORMED THAT NGUZA WAS TAKING OVER ENTIRE AMATO OPERATION, INCLUDING TEXTILES MANUFACTURING, OILS INDUSTRY AND FLOUR MILLS, EVEN THOSE ELEMENTS ALREADY NATIONALIZED UNDER OFFICE NATIONAL OLEAGINEAUX AND OFFICE NATIONAL DES CEREALS. NGUZA, WHO HAS ALREADY VISITED AMATO KINSHASA SITES, IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF CURRENT TOUR TO INSPECT AMATO PROPERTIES IN KANANGA AND IN LUBUMBASHI (DUE JUNE 1).

3. ROBERT PROTESTED ON TWO COUNTS, FIRST THAT MANUFACTURING ENTERPRISES ARE SUPPOSE TO BE EXEMPT FROM ZAIRIANIZATION AND NATIONALIZATION MEASURES AND SECOND THAT COMPANY IS INCORPORATED IN NEW YORK STATE. TO FIRST POINT, NGUZA IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT AMATO MAY BE FIRST SUCH BUT WILL NOT BE LAST. TO SECOND POINT, NO RESPONSE.

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HE ADDED IT BETTER AMATO TO COOPERATE WITH HIM BECAUSE

ALTERNATIVE NEW OWNERS MIGHT BE WORSE. ADDED AMATO
BROTHERS SHOULD CONTINUE FUNCTION AS NORMAL SINCE
REIMBURSEMENT WOULD ONLY BE MADE AGAINST PROFITS.

4. TOUZARD SAYS ROBERT HAS GIVEN EMBASSY (LAWRENCE)
DOCUMENT ESTABLISHING THAT AMATO FRERES WAS TRANSFERRED
TO AMATO AGENCY, NEW YORK, EFFECTIVE MAY 11, 1973.

5. UNDERSTAND EMBASSY HAS EARLIER ASKED GUIDANCE FROM
DEPARTMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED ASAP
OF DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT
FOREGOING, AND OF ACTION WHICH DEPARTMENT AND
EMBASSY BELIEVE SHOULD NOW BE TAKEN.
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